

Washington Island Economic Development Committee (WIEDC) Minutes

November 22, 2011

Present: Ron Overdahl, Lee Engstrom, Jerry Maiers, Susan Ulm, Tom Nikolai, Carol Stayton

Absent: Randy Sorensen

Guests: Donna Benson, Marianne Maiers, Mike Kickbush, Barry McNulty, Joel Gunnlauggson

1. Call to order by Jerry Maiers at 6:32 pm
2. Minutes approved: Motion by Nikolai, second by Overdahl to approve the minutes; vote was unanimous approving the minutes of October 25, 2011.

3. a. Maiers reported on the recent event with NWTC on the Island with the CNC machine. The public notice of the event was 24 hrs. prior to their arrival resulting in a weak public showing; all school children were included in the tour/presentation by NWTC.

b. Nikolai reported that Frontier has begun hooking up customers on DSL service; this service will not be available everywhere on the island – South Shore and Jackson Harbor areas were noted as examples of areas which would not be serviced.

4 a. Incubator plan has been withdrawn by the property owners; Gunnlauggson indicated that the County is in the process of developing amendments to ordinance relevant to projects of this type. The County does not have language regarding incubator type projects; Sturgeon Bay does have language/ordinance in place currently. Overdahl indicated he was attending an upcoming meeting presented by the County planning Department on 11.29.11.

b. Maiers reported on a conversation with Greg Hines (Glacierland) regarding public meeting planned in the near future (December '11).d. Overdahl talking w/Bill Chadoir (DCEDC) for March workshop.

e. Celebrating Winter – Overdahl offered to help the Chamber with a photo contest; Chili Cookoff planned and some” to be announced” by our school students headed by Ms. McClaren-Cornell advisor. Stayton mentioned the “Get Flamingo” fund raiser by the school and how to get more info/forms etc.

5. In the interest of time, Old Business Concepts/models will be discussed in the future.

6 a. Stayton noted that a request was made at the November 9th WIZAP meeting (relative to zoning issues, concerns, problems) for that committee to have a public forum on Island related matters.

b. Maiers broached the subject of entrepreneurial spirit in the community.

c. Identifying economic development issues; Stayton noted Lamperts lumberyard and the current challenges by the owners with health related matters, building projects etc., is a serious matter for the community. Access to building supplies, future planning etc.

Motion to adjourn by Nikolai, second by Ulm: unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol A. Stayton

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Internet Providers on Washington Island						
	Electric Co-op (BPL)	On-line Door County (wireless)	Cellcom (Cell service)	WildBlue or HughesNet (Satellite)	DSL (Frontier)	
Speed	256K or 1MB	.5 MB, 1MB or 2MB			up to 1.5MB	
Coverage / availability	Entire Island	Limited to line of site to existing towers (50% ?)	Limited to good cell phone reception - dead spots	Entire Island	?	
Reliability	Depends on location, affected by power outages, long re-boot time					
Equipment/Installation Cost	\$99.00		\$399.00			
Contract required?						
Monthly service cost	\$29.95 for 256k, \$49.95 for 1MB	\$54.95 for .5 MB \$74.95 for 1MB \$99.95 for 2MB				
Future plans for the Island	Workin on 3MB service and reliability improvements					
Higher speeds possible for specific need?	Possible if in the core area and more T1's are provided by Frontier	Possible - would need to look at specific situation				
Website	www.bpl.coop www.ibec.net	www.dcwis.com	www.cellcom.com		www.frontier.com	